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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the requirement for election of species contained in the Office Action dated June 4, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species II (Fig. 8) for further prosecution on the merits. The Office Action states that claims 22-26 are readable on Species II. However, since claim 26 depends from claim 1, claim 26 should belong to Species I rather than to Species II. Therefore, applicants submit that claims 22-25 are readable on elected Species II.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.